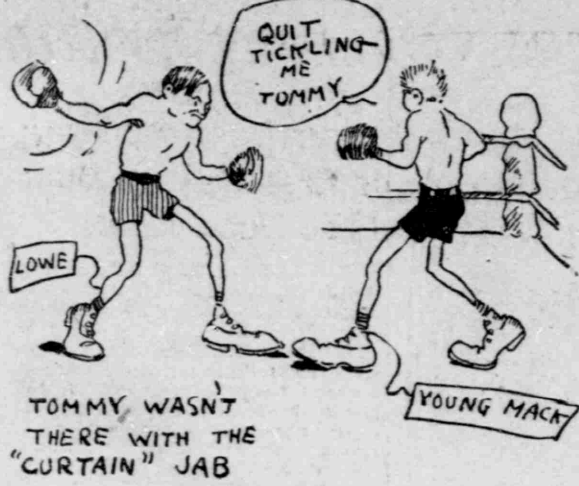


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A FEW INCIDENTS OF A BUSY WEEK IN SPORTS



MACKEY-SWANSON BOUT ON TUESDAY

Championship Wrestling Offer for Washington.

VETERAN'S RETURN TO LIFE

Local Grappler Has Surprised All by Good Record This Season—Audience Won Over.

What is probably the first real championship bout ever pulled off on the mat in Washington is scheduled to take place on Tuesday night, when Rob Roy Mackey, of Washington, meets Alex Swanson, of New York, the welterweight title-holder in this country. Mackey has been steering toward this match ever since the present wrestling season opened, and his other engagements were for the double purpose of giving himself a thorough try-out and of testing the temper of the public toward the game. His great showing against Joe Grant, who had to do the grappling of his life for fifty-five minutes before gaining a fall, has convinced Mackey and his friends that he has more than a good chance to throw Swanson, and that if he should beat the New Yorker he would be able to successfully defend his honors.

Wrestling Is Growing.

"That wrestling is growing in popularity here and will soon rival boxing in public interest, if properly and squarely conducted, was evidenced by the size and enthusiasm of the crowd which saw Mackey and Grant last Tuesday. That whirlwind bout was a big boost for the sport and made the local fans anxious to see what Mackey could do if he were pitted against a high-class man of his own weight instead of a much larger man, like Grant happened to be. Swanson some time ago expressed a willingness to appear in this city, and the coming match is the result. He has not done much on the mat since he threw George Bohnner and broke the lightweight champion's shoulder, but has been anxious to get into the limelight again. He has never met Mackey in a match, but knows his style and has seen him work, and Swanson has admitted already that he expects to have to hump himself to the limit to win on Tuesday.

Veteran's Return to Life.

Mackey's return to life and his display of strength at his age after having been counted in the has-been class for two or three years, is one of the most curious things that ever took place in wrestling. Although he was a well-known professional when Joe Grant was a little fellow yelling for a stick of candy, the veteran stood the fast pace on their meeting on Tuesday as if he had just started out, and it was Grant's extra fifteen or twenty pounds which finally wore him down, rather than any lack of stamina. Mackey's actions when he went on the mat in reaching to shake hands with Grant caused him to be hissed, but as the bout progressed and it was seen that Grant's utmost exertions were producing no results, the feeling changed and he was enthusiastically cheered for each piece of good work.

Three Preliminaries.

Three good preliminaries, and possibly four, will be put on as appetizers for the Mackey-Swanson championship contest. The best of the local lightweights will take part, and Benny Finnick, the featherweight champion, may be brought over from Baltimore to give additional zest to the contest. An added feature is expected to be Frank Huseman's bag punching act. He has a number of new devices and tricks in the bag punching line, and his apparatus is the most complete ever built. He has given private exhibitions at the Epiphany Chapel gymnasium, where he is instructor, but this will be his first appearance with the bag since he quit the stage.

HARRY TENNY'S FATHER SUES FIGHT MANAGER

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.—The father of Harry Tenny, the boy who was recently killed in a fight with Frankie Neil here, has sued the managers of the club in which the fatal bout was held for \$100,000 and also threatens criminal prosecution.

He says the club allowed his son to enter the ring in spite of the fact that he was under age and was in poor physical condition. Neil, who was cleared of the charge of manslaughter in the courts, is matched to fight Alie Attell at the Pacific A. C. Los Angeles, on April 20. The bout will be one of twenty rounds and the featherweight championship will be at stake. After this bout Attell will go to England to meet Joe Bowker at the National Sporting Club, London, on May 18.

NOTICE TO GROWLERS.

If the folk that are always growling about the lack of brightness in this world should suddenly see it go blazing, how they would cry aloud for a snowstorm.—Atlanta Constitution.



GRANT FAILS TO TAME THE "OLD MAN"

TEAMS ARE TIED IN BOWLING RACE

Goodman and Hamner on a Par With .667 Each.

HILTON HIGH MAN WITH 235

Goodman Leads in Individual Averages With Ten Pins Above R. Baker's 180—Shepard Brings Up Rear.

The Hamner and Goodman trios are tied for first honors in the Young Men's Christian Association Bowling League, with a percentage of .667. The Hamner team has won eight games and lost four, while the Goodman aggregation has won six and lost three. The Robinette trio climbed up into third place last week, by a number of close victories. Gould and Mowry are fighting it out for fourth, with percentages of .417, and Caldwell brings up the rear with .222.

Goodman heads the list in individual standings, with an average of 195 pins. His high score is 221, which is third to Hilton and Gould, who have 235 and 231 for high games, respectively. R. Baker is second in averages, with 178, just four points above Telfar, who is but one point over Gordon for the place. Hamner and Shepard have the cellar championship cinched, with 153 and 147, respectively. The complete standings follow:

Team Standings.				
Team.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.	
Hamner	8	4	.667	
Goodman	6	3	.667	
Robinette	12	2	.857	
Gould	7	5	.583	
Mowry	6	7	.462	
Caldwell	2	7	.222	

Individual Averages.

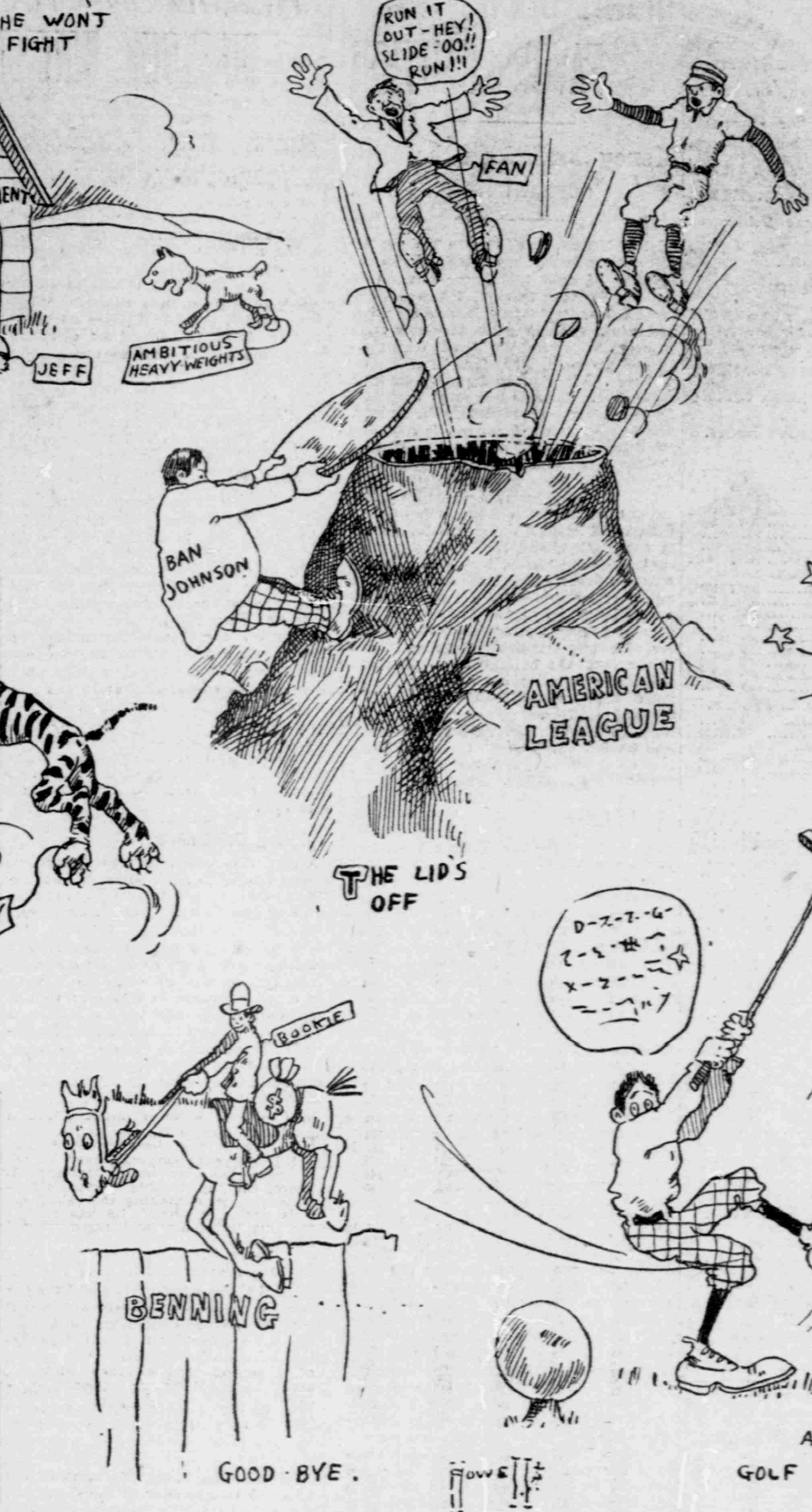
Name.	G.	Pins.	H.G.	Av.
Goodman	9	1,757	221	195
R. Baker	12	2,162	216	180
Telfar	12	2,140	210	178
Gordon	9	1,567	200	174
Davidson	12	2,074	212	173
Hilton	9	1,546	235	172
Bonitz	12	2,036	214	170
Gould	12	2,026	231	169
Mowry	12	1,880	197	165
Robinette	12	1,975	183	165
Williams	12	1,967	198	164
Cooke	6	985	189	164
R. Baker	9	1,460	173	162
Offenburg	9	956	207	159
Caldwell	9	1,426	182	158
Whitford	12	1,872	180	156
Hamner	12	1,833	177	153
Shepard	9	1,324	191	147

SPRING FOOTBALL WORK IS POPULAR

PRINCETON, N. J., April 14.—Spring football practice is likely to be more popular at some universities this year owing to the changes made in the rules. Princeton and Pennsylvania having already begun. Fifteen candidates were out this week at Princeton and little more than tossing the ball was indulged in. The men were lined up in two columns ten yards apart and passed the ball for some time. The call for candidates announced that work this spring would be more strenuous than ever owing to the fact that all candidates for the team were now in college, as freshmen are barred from next fall's team. An alumnus of the university has presented loving cups for the best punter and drop kicker.

GREAT SNAKES.

Her lip quivered. She rushed up stage. "Serpent that you are!" she cried. Though he shuddered at the cruel words, the love-light in his eyes neither faded nor grew cold. "Dear," he murmured tenderly, "if I'm a serpent, you're a snake charmer." But the audience, regarding the scene as an old, hissed.



Jeff Too Wise to Jump At O'Rourke's Big Offer

Not Enough Good Men for Him to Fight for That \$100,000—Berger Loses Head in Ring.

By W. W. NAUGHTON.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.—At this writing it looks as though Tom O'Rourke's \$100,000 offer to Jim Jeffries has fallen flat.

It doesn't follow that the former champion wouldn't jump at a legitimate chance to earn the lump sum named by O'Rourke, and especially where the work he had to accomplish called for as little exertion and promised as little in the way of a setback as would the trouncing of at least five of the six heavies named by O'Rourke.

In all probability Jeffries thinks the O'Rourke scheme too good to be true. As matters are, he has every reason for feeling dubious about it. To begin with, no matter what may have been the outcome of a test case, it is a risky thing to undertake to establish twenty-round boxing in a section where it was not permitted before. Maybe if O'Rourke worked off a few matches between men of established reputation and then repeated his offer to Jeffries, the Burbank agriculturist might sit up and take notice. He may fall in line where he would have steadfast objections to being used as a bellwether.

No Worthy Opponents.

Even then the prospectus would need reconstructing. Jeff has been made to look ridiculous on more than one occasion through no fault of his own, and he will do some hard thinking before allowing himself to be drawn into anything that threatens to be a fiasco.

It would be outright cruelty to animals to send Jeffries against some antiquated named by O'Rourke, and Jeffries knows it. To handle these fellows gently would be to invite derision and disgust and bring the all-champion six weeks' tourney to a premature close, while to go at them slam-bang would be to risk arrest for manslaughter, if not for murder.

It is doubtful if one man capable of making Jeffries extend himself can be found, let alone six. Under the circumstances, O'Rourke had better pattern his plans after those of other promoters. Let him find out if there is one heavy-weight in the list who the public thinks has a fighting chance with Jeffries. Then let him convince Jeffries that there is a demand for his services.

Morris Levy, boxing contest promoter and secretary of that harmonious body known as the San Francisco fight trust, says there will be a twenty-round ring event in this city next month. He also states, with a shade less positiveness, that the participants will be Sam Berger and Jack O'Brien. Whether the match is to be or not, it is being discussed widely. On all sides can be heard the opinion that Berger

will have a much better chance with O'Brien than Kaufman had.

As Kaufman received a thorough mauling at the Philadelphia's hands and scarce laid a glove on O'Brien in return, a fellow doesn't risk his reputation for smartness to any extent by prophesying that Berger will do better.

Furthermore, it is just possible that some of those who are prophesying how different it will be this time were responsible for Kaufman being a top-heavy favorite before he entered the ring.

Berger is no doubt a better boxer than Kaufman and as it is generally conceded that cleverness should be the first essential in an opponent of O'Brien it appears at first glance as though Berger may be able to do better with the Philadelphia than Kaufman did.

That is, it appears that way now that Kaufman has had his try and failed. If the O'Brien-Kaufman had not been, opinion would be divided as to which was the better man to send against the Philadelphia-Berger or Kaufman.

It can hardly be claimed that Berger is a harder puncher than Kaufman or that he possesses a stouter heart. This stripping, Kaufman, stood up against the cruelest battering with never a flinch or sign of the rattle, while Berger has lost his head more than once through mere bloodless excitement.

He excused himself for being to Rodenbach, of New York, by saying that he was not allowed to fight at close range, and he explained a poor showing with Casey by saying there was too much close range fighting. Of a certainty Casey did not give Samuel much time to think. There was a "this is so sudden" look on Berger's face from start to finish.

Now this is no reflection on Sam's courage. I have known the "avest of pugilists" to be flustered in the early rounds of a fight, still if I were a betting man I would prefer the fellow who is cool under fire at all times. I am simply weaving an argument to show that Sam's cleverness will have to weigh much heavier in the balance than Kaufman's grit and punching power if Sam is to be looked to to stop O'Brien's gallop.

HANK O'DAY THINKS CHICAGO HAS CHANCE

National League Arbiter Picks Comiskey's "White Sox" as Probable Pennant Winners.

NEW YORK, April 14.—Henry O'Day, the famous National League umpire, has returned from West Baden, where he went ten days ago. "Hank," as he is popularly known in fandom, is out with a statement picking Comiskey's White Stockings either to win the American League pennant or to be next to the team that does take the flag. So far as the National League is concerned, he declined to make any prophecies.

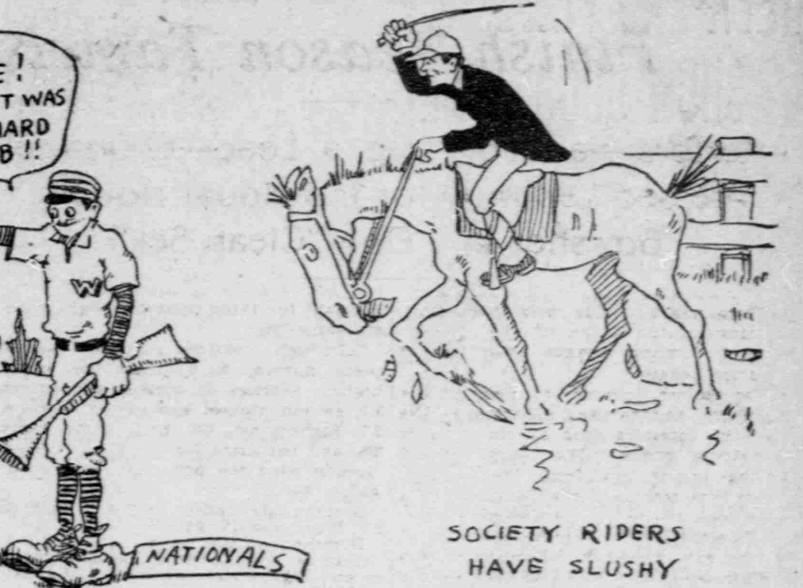
"To my way of thinking, the team that beats the White Sox in the American League will get the pennant in the organization," commented the National League arbiter.

"Last year Comiskey's men hit as little as possible for any major league combination to get away with, and still they were all but champions. This season they will be stronger with the stick than last year, or I miss my guess, and that means that they are going to climb to the top. Any way, I can figure that bunch of ball tossers I can't see them worse than one-two-three, and I am almost as sure they will be one-two. "Surely the team has not been weakened in fielding. It has been strengthened in batting and remains the same in pitching, which was probably its strongest point last year. That means that somebody has got to hustle to keep the White Sox from bringing the American League pennant to Chicago this fall."

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